



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 210

LCO No. 1266

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES COMPLETING A SURVEY OF
UNLICENSED DOGS TO KEEP A LARGER PORTION OF DOG
LICENSE FEES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-347 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 [Within] Not later than thirty days after receipt of the fees for dog
4 licenses and tags, each town clerk shall deduct one dollar for each dog
5 licensed, two dollars for each kennel license issued and fifty cents for
6 each replacement tag issued and pay the balance to the town treasurer
7 or other proper fiscal officer. Each town treasurer or fiscal officer, as
8 the case may be, shall keep a separate dog fund account of all fees
9 received from the town clerk, and all receipts from the municipal
10 animal control officer and expended by said officer under the
11 provisions of this chapter, and shall pay to the Commissioner of
12 Agriculture, on September first of each year, fifty per cent of all
13 moneys received from the sale of licenses prior to July first, or [forty]
14 twenty per cent of all such moneys if the town has made a survey of
15 unlicensed dogs in accordance with the provisions of section 22-349,

16 and include with such payment a statement of the number of licenses
17 issued during such year. All moneys received from licenses sold after
18 June thirtieth and all moneys received from the municipal animal
19 control officer and all license fees returned to the town by the State
20 Treasurer, at the request of the commissioner, under the provisions of
21 section 22-348 shall be kept by the town treasurer or other fiscal officer
22 in the separate dog fund account. The town treasurer or other fiscal
23 officer shall, on the ensuing September first, send fifty per cent, or
24 [forty] twenty per cent as the case may be, of all license fees in such
25 account to the commissioner, including any penalty fees collected
26 pursuant to section 22-338. All payments to the commissioner shall be
27 accompanied by an account thereof in a form prescribed by the
28 commissioner and a copy of such account shall be sent to the
29 commissioner. Upon the failure of any town treasurer or other fiscal
30 officer to pay any amount due pursuant to this section, or any portion
31 thereof, [within] not later than forty-five days [from] after its due date,
32 the commissioner shall add interest of one and one-fourth per cent per
33 month or fraction thereof on the amount unpaid per month or fraction
34 thereof from the due date of such payment to the date of payment and
35 a penalty in the amount of ten per cent of the amount unpaid or fifty
36 dollars, whichever is greater. All funds in the dog fund account, except
37 such funds as are to be sent to the commissioner, shall be used only for
38 the compensation of municipal animal control officers, license
39 certificates, tags, the construction and maintenance of dog pounds, the
40 detention and care of impounded dogs in accordance with section 22-
41 336, municipal animal control officer's equipment, dog supplies and
42 such veterinary fees as are provided for by law or regulations and shall
43 not be used for any other purpose except upon written approval of the
44 commissioner. No fees paid into the treasury of the town for tags or
45 licenses for dogs shall be paid back to the persons from whom they
46 were collected.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	22-347
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow municipalities completing a survey of unlicensed dogs to keep eighty per cent of dog license fees collected.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]